



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: I Am We Are, founded at Gustavus Adolphus College in 1995, is now celebrating its 20th Anniversary, making it the longest-running student-led social justice theatre troupe in the United States; and

WHEREAS: For two decades, I Am We Are has provided the Gustavus campus and broader community with powerful and engaging social justice performances that foster dialogue, encourage empathy, and deepen understanding of our world and ourselves; and

WHEREAS: I Am We Are has responded to specific incidents of ignorance, bias, or violence on campus by offering transformative workshops, providing a safe environment for student expression and a shared structure for community re-commitment to fighting injustice; and

WHEREAS: Theatre of the Oppressed founder, Augusto Boal, and other social justice visionaries have praised I Am We Are as an inspiring embodiment of young people's commitment to positive action; and

WHEREAS: For 20 years, alumni have carried their I Am We Are experience into important work as artists, educators, organizers, care-takers, leaders, and engaged citizens who continue to make a difference.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, November 21, 2015, as:

I AM WE ARE

SOCIAL JUSTICE THEATRE DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 17th day of November.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE